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SUMMARY

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THIS IS A SITUATION SUMMARY ON DEVELOPMENTS IN LAOS, NORTH VIETNAM AND HAINAN ISLAND FOR A PERIOD OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS COLLATED FROM A NUMBER OF HIGHLY RELIABLE SOURCES.

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1. REPORTS FROM HAINAN INDICATE THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO APPRECIABLE CHANGE IN THE FACILITIES AT SAN YA AFLD (1817N/10927E), FO LO AFLD (1830N/10950E) AND LING SHUI AFLD (1830N/10959E). NO ACFT WERE OBSERVED OPERATING FROM SAN YA AND FO LO, HOWEVER, A MAXIMUM NUMBEC OF 10 ACFT WERE REPORTED TO BE OPERATING FROM LING SHUI. THESE INCLUDED ONE TWIN ENGINE TRANSPORT ACFT AND A TOTAL OF NINE OTHERS INITIALLY IDENTIFIED ONLY AS SWEEP WING FIGHTERS. CURRENT STATUS OF FACILITIES AT THE LAOTIAN AFLDS AT SENO (1640N/10500E), TCHEPONE (1643N/10612E) AND SAVAHNAKHET (1633N/10446E) REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM PREVIOUS INFORMATION. RE-EVALUATION OF PAST REPORTS, HOWEVER, INDICATES THAT THE DIMENSIONS OF APPROX 3800, X 70, ARE PROB THE MOST ACCURATE OF ALL RECEIVED FOR TCHEPONE AFLD. RELIABLE SOURCES REPORT THAT THEY OBSERVED FOUR TWIN ENGINE TRANSPORTS, FOUR SINGLE ENGINE LIAISON AND FOUR TRAINER TYPE ACFT OPERATING AT SAVAHNAKHET AFLD DURING THE PAST WEEK. A SOD STRIP APPROX 3600, AT HOUET-SANE (1636N/10632E) ALSO HAS BEEN REPORTED BUT NO ACFT WERE SEEN. THE PRESENCE OF A REPORTED AFLD AT MUONG PHA (1640N/10534E) CANNOT BE CONFIRMED.

2. NO DEFENSES OR UNUSUAL MIL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN REPORTED DURING THIS PERIOD IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS BY RELIABLE SOURCES. BAN NAGO (1644N/10608E), BAN LADEAU (1632N/10633E), MOUNG PHINE (1635N/10602E), BAN A LOKMCH (1634N/10545E), DONG KHAPHO (1637N/10542E), BAN SA NOUNE (1634N/10542E), BAN NAM KHANG (1644N/10611E), AND BAN DONG (1637N/10625E).

3. SPORADIC MONITORING OF ROAD NETS IN LAOS HAS INDICATED A VERY LOW LEVEL OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC RECENTLY IN THE FOLLOWING AREA. BAN NATHALONG (1632N/10602E), TO HOUET KHAM (1642N/10516E), BAN VANG (1654N/1065).3) TO BAN NHANG (1622N/10601E), TCHEPONE (1640N/10615E) TO LA HA (1638N/10643E) AND BAN CHALIT (1640N/10455E) TO HOUET KHAM TEUI (1642N/10516E). ALL ROADS ARE NATURAL SURFACED AND ARE REPORTEDLY SERVICEABLE. A STRONG POINT IS REPORTED ON ROAD NEAR MUONG PHINE (1632N/10602E) WHICH CONTAINS SEVERAL BLDGS AND IS SURROUNDED BY

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4. ADDITIONAL REPORTS FROM HAINAN INDICATE THAT THE PORT FACILITIES AT YU LIN HAVE NOT CHANGED IN RECENT MONTHS AND THAT A MINIMUM OF ONE FREIGHTER, ONE POSSIBLE DESTROYER, EIGHT POSSIBLE PATROL CRAFT, AND TWO POSSIBLE COASTAL FREIGHTERS WERE IN THAT PORT DURING THE PAST WEEK. REPORTS OF SURFACE TO SURFACE MISSILE INSTALLATION NEAR LING SHUI (1830N/10959E) CANNOT BE CONFIRMED AT THIS TIME.

END OF MESSAGE

COMMENTS.

1. REF PARA 1. CORRDINATES FOR FO-LO AFLD SHOULD PROBABLY READ 1830N/10849E)
2. REF PARA 2. BAN A LOKMCH SHOUL PROBABLY READ BAN A LOUEI.
3. REF PARA 3. COORDINATES FOR BAN VANG (THEUM) SHOULD PROBABLY READ 1654N/10655E.

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